## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: JUDICIAL EMERGENCY
ACT OF 2004 O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60:
COURTHOUSE CLOSURE DUE TO
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

FORSYTH COUNTY GEORGIA
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## SECOND AMENDED ORDER DECLARING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

The following language is added to the Amended Order

Declaring Judicial Emergency filed March 16, 2020:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, during the time period set forth in the Amended Order Declaring Judicial Emergency, it is hereby ORDERED that no person shall be admitted entry into the courthouses of Forsyth County that (A) has recently traveled outside of the continental United States, (B) has come into physical contact with someone testing positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19), and/or (C) is currently sick unless that person does not currently have a fever defined as a temperature in excess of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit.

The person denied entry into the courthouse shall be instructed to call the Clerk of Court from outside the courthouse. The Clerk of Court shall determine whether such access can be accommodated via electronic access through the Clerk of Court's website. If the person is seeking to file a

document, the Clerk of Court shall determine if the filing can be made electronically or by paper filing. If the Clerk of Court determines that a paper, in-person filing is required, then the screening officer shall provide the person seeking access to the courthouse with gloves and facemask and allow said person such limited courthouse access as necessary to accomplish said filing.

If the person denied entry into the courthouse is there to attend a hearing as either a litigant, witness, or public spectator, such person shall remain outside the courthouse while the appropriate judicial chambers is notified. The Judge to whom the case is scheduled to appear shall consider all relevant facts and circumstances and make a determination as to whether to admit such person.

This Order shall terminate on April 13, 2020, at 11:59 p.m., unless otherwise extended.

> JEFFREY S. BACLEY, Chief Judge Superior Court of Forsyth County Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Clerk of Court shall make this determination pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-6-11, Uniform Superior Court Rule 36.16 and the Statewide Minimum Standards for Electronic Filing.

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